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## LAW-MAKERS WEARY OF WAITING

Democrats Placed Federal Law Above the State Constitution for Senatorial Election

Special Correspondence.

Jefferson City, January 25.—Last week was spent by the law-makers at the capital in comparative idleness. They could not transact any business except the election of a United States senator because of that provision of the constitution (article 5, section 3) which says that the returns of the election of governor, lieutenant governor, auditor, treasurer, secretary of state, attorney general and railroad and warehouse commissioner shall be opened and canvassed by the speaker of the house in the presence of the joint assembly "immediately after the organization of the house and before proceeding to any other business."

This has been held to mean that the legislature must determine the election of the lieutenant-governor, as well as the other officers, before any other business can be transacted, and it was upon this theory that the leaders proceeded when it was determined that no legislation or other business should be undertaken pending decision of the Painter-Gmelich contest. It was held by the democratic leaders, however, that the election of a senator on January 19 and 20 was mandatory under the federal law, which prescribes that on the second Tuesday after the convening of the legislature the balloting for a United States senator shall take place in each house, and that the joint assembly shall meet the following day and complete the election. Under this interpretation of the law the senatorial election was held last week, and it was the only business transacted by the legislature.

While the senators and members engaged in recounting the vote for lieutenant-governor in St. Louis have been closely and wearily occupied with that irksome task, those members of the general assembly who have been compelled to remain idle at the capital have grown weary and impatient. Two weeks having been spent since the inauguration of the governor in trying to determine whether Painter was justified in claiming election to the office of lieutenant-governor when the original, and even the amended, returns showed the election of Gmelich, the senators and representatives were found to be in a very impatient mood at the close of last week. When the joint committee returned to St. Louis last Wednesday to resume their labors it was currently reported that Painter would abandon the contest on Friday or Saturday unless the recount of the city vote showed a decided gain for him. Both houses adjourned Wednesday till Friday, and thus practically abandoned any prospect of settling the contest or of getting ready for other business before the beginning of the third legislative week.

The cost of the contest over the election of lieutenant governor will not fall short of \$50,000, everything considered. Indeed, this is regarded as a conservative estimate by those who reckon the time of 176 members of the general assembly as absolutely lost. While the legislature had lost nine legislative days (not including the two days occupied in the senatorial election) up to Saturday of last week, it must be remembered that at least

three days would have been lost in the usual course, as it is customary for both houses to adjourn from Friday to Monday during the first several weeks of the session, and it often occurs that whole days are lost in the process of completing the organization.

### M. E. Church Notes

The pastor spent two days the first of the week near Rotherville visiting a nephew, J. B. Powell, and wife.

Both morning and evening services were well attended. The Epworth League hour was full of interest. Two good papers were read and the Bible study of the life of Christ was made plain to those who listened.

The pastor conducted the funeral services of Mrs. Wm. Edwards at the Locust Creek cemetery last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Edwards was formerly a resident of Laclede, but lately a resident of Brunswick.

The Ladies Aid society was truly satisfied with the result of the social held at the G. A. R. hall Wednesday evening. We, of the candy booth, realized the neat sum of \$4.75. We wish to thank all who so generously contributed and assure their help will be made manifest in the future as the money thus raised will be used for a good purpose.

If the pleasant weather continues we hope to see our school increase in attendance accordingly. It is on the up grade and we are sure each one is helping to make it better. Last Sabbath several teachers were absent; we trust from a necessary cause. The attendance and collections were good, but can be still better. Let us not weary in well doing and strive to have the present year the best one the school has ever had.

The Juniors are holding real interesting meetings each Sunday afternoon. Their ever faithful superintendent, Miss Laura Love, with her band of ready helpers, including the Misses Roxie Rankin, Alice Hawes, Maud Matsel and Ethel Kent, are working to make this also, one of the interesting features of the church. Send the little ones and you will be surprised to see how easily their little minds grasp the truths taught them in the Junior League.

The subject for the league Sunday evening will be: "The 29 years interval in the early life of Christ." The program will be of unusual interest. Mrs. Foster Burke will sing, "He's the One." Two papers will be read: "Life and Character of Herod," by Miss Lou Burke, and "The Home Life of Jesus at Nazareth," by Miss Ethel Kent. The Juniors will give an interesting exercise under the supervision of Miss Maud Matsel. The league will be led by Mr. Clarence Adams.

Fred Edwards is here from Ke-wanee, Ill., visiting his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Edwards.

Jones & Rankin would like to place your money on some of the best securities in this country. See them.

Ezra Pease, who has spent the winter at Osborn, working for a ballast company, is at home with his family here this week.

W. C. Love, of Las Animas, Colorado, on his way to Chicago to buy goods for his firm, stopped off this week for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Love, and to say "howdy" to his many friends here.

## THINGS YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

Pungent Paragraphs Picked up by Our Pen-  
bulating Pencil-Pusher.

This week Jones & Rankin sold the Shelby Cross 80 acre farm six miles south of town to Mose Williams of Sumner and then sold the Bigger farm of 160 acres north of town to Mr. Cross.

After spending a few days with relatives and friends here, guest of the McGrew family at the Foreman house, Clarence Smith returned to Milton, Kansas, last week, accompanied home by Miss Effie Mahurin, who will spend several weeks visiting friends in that state.

Mrs. Mattie Edwards, widow of the late Wm. Edwards, died at her home near Brunswick last Tuesday from the effects of a paralytic stroke of a year ago. The remains were buried at the Locust Creek cemetery southwest of Laclede Wednesday. Deceased was a sister of Joe Warlow of this place and of Mrs. Robert Glenn of Linneus. Mr. Edwards died here about four years ago.

F. S. Margrave sends in a money order from Harrington, Kansas, to renew his subscription and says he must have THE BLADE, and adds: "We are all well; have had some cold weather; two snows this winter and no rain; crops light last season, being injured by hail; cotton very poor; money scarce; farm land not selling fast—too far from railroad. Saw three fine deer run across my place a few days ago; prairie chickens all gone."

Golden Rod camp, Royal Neighbors of America installed officers at an open meeting held last Tuesday night, the members and a number of invited guests being present. The ceremony was impressive and the work nicely done. Mrs. J. B. Patrick was the installing officer while Mrs. Hettie Weaver acted as grand marshal. A drill was given by the degree team and a short literary and musical program rendered, after which oysters were served.

Bismarck Thiede, who was born in Linneus 36 years ago, was accidentally asphyxiated by gas escaping from a stove in his room at Seattle, Wash., on Jan. 9. The remains were taken to Chicago and buried by the side of his father and mother, being accompanied there by his brother, Adonis Thiede, now a resident of Spokane, Wash. The Thiede family formerly lived in Linneus and for a number of years conducted the old Planters hotel.

As we go to press Friday afternoon Laclede is in the grasp of one of the worst blizzards that have swept across the state in many years. The fore part of the week was warm and spring-like. A heavy rain Thursday turned to snow during the night, a drop of 30 or 40 degrees in the temperature and a fierce northwest wind raged all day. Much damage is reported. The smokestack at Bruns' mill north of town was blown down and the building badly damaged; the top was blown off the kitchen flue at Walter Rankin's residence; a board sign crashed through the front of Kraft's store and the front of Geo. Denbo's restaurant was smashed the same way. There will no doubt be much suffering among those who were not prepared for such an extreme change in the weather. Rural carriers did not venture out yesterday and railroad traffic is practically at a standstill.

### Some Evening Reveries.

Many of us find life hard and full of pain. The world uses us rudely and roughly. We suffer wrongs and injuries. Other people's clumsy feet tread upon our tender spirits. We must endure misfortunes, trials and disappointments. We cannot avoid these things, but we should not allow the harsh experiences to deaden our sensibilities or make us stoical or sour. The true problem of living is to keep our hearts sweet and gentle in the hardest conditions and experiences. If you remove the snow from the hillside in the late winter, you will find sweet flowers growing there beneath the cold drifts, unhurt by the storm and by the snowy blankets that have covered them. So should we keep our hearts tender and sensitive beneath life's fiercest winter blasts, and through the longest years of suffering, and even in injustice and wrong treatment. This is true victorious living.

One home is like a calm summer evening or a bright, fresh spring morning, because the mistress is full of restful sympathy, or her mind of bright fresh interest in those around her. Another home is a gusty, stormy morning or a fog laden afternoon, when the darkness can be felt, because the woman who makes its atmosphere is capricious, hasty and ill tempered, or dull and heavy, and careless of the comfort of those who depend upon her, and incapable of putting brightness and warmth into the hearts of those around her because there is none in her own heart. Let those who are step mothers look to it that they "keep hearts at leisure from themselves to soothe and sympathize," to create a restful atmosphere for those who come in tired and weary from the outside and to keep light and brightness alive in their own minds, that they may shed them over everyone who dwells beneath her roof or who sits beside their hearth.

Kindness is one of the purest traits that finds a place in the human heart. It gives us friends wherever we may chance to wander. To show kindness it is not necessary to give large sums of money or to perform some wonderful deed that will immortalize your name. It is the word of sympathy to the discouraged and disheartened. Kindness makes sunshine wherever it goes; it is the real law of life; the link that connects earth with heaven. Would you live in the remembrance of others after you are gone? Write your name on the tablets of their hearts by acts of kindness and love. The noblest revenge we can make upon our enemies is to do them a kindness.

Parents are indebted to their children for the constant incentives to noble living; for the perpetual reminder that you do not live in yourself alone; for their sakes you are admonished to put from you the debasing appetite, the unworthy example of impulse; to gather into your lives every noble and heroic quality, ever tender and attractive grace.

### Tax Notice

Pay your taxes before February 1 as another one per cent penalty will be added at that time.

LEE HAMILTON,  
Township Collector.

### For Sale

One Winchester pump gun No. 12; one-half dozen live decoy ducks.

J. H. BROWN.

## TOWN AND COUNTRY IN BRIEF

Local Events of The Past Week Recorded For  
Busy Blade Readers.

Get your loans from Jones & Rankin.

Elmer E. Berry was here from Brookfield Monday.

Attorney C. C. Bigger transacted legal business in Chillicothe last Monday.

Miss Mary Dye has spent the past week visiting relatives near Linneus.

Miss Ray McKisson visited over last Sunday with her sister in Chillicothe.

Wm Swank, of route four, Linneus, was a business visitor in Laclede Monday.

Barred Plymouth Rock cockerels for sale at \$1 each by A. M. Walker, route 3, Laclede.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brott of Brookfield made a short visit in Laclede Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. D. Bryant and little daughter have spent the past week with relatives at Marceline.

Harry Markham, cashies of the Wheeler saving bank, Brookfield, was here on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Plunkett returned home Monday from spending a month with relatives in Knox county.

Mrs. Dora Mitchell, after spending month with relatives here, returned to Weatherford, Oklahoma, last Monday.

Pure bred Rose-comb Rhode Island Red cockerels for sale at \$1.00 each. C. B. Dagger, Laclede, Mo. Phone 129.

B. F. Thompson, junior member of the real estate firm of Thompson & Son, was in Lebanon, Mo., on business the past week.

F. W. Kenne, one of the substantial and prosperous farmers on route two, sent in a dollar [for THE BLADE a year this week.

Mrs. Harry Pringle and daughter of Chillicothe visited over last Sunday with Mrs. Pringle's father, L. M. Wilson, and family.

S. W. White, wife and daughter returned last week from spending ten days in their old home neighborhood in Livingston county.

H. E. Maybee, who is working insurance in Nebraska with headquarters at Grand Island, spent last Sunday with his family here.

J. J. Deininger and family left Tuesday for Illinois in response to a message announcing the serious illness of a relative of Mrs. Deininger.

If you have reason to believe your glasses are not right or your eyes give you trouble, consult Dr. A. V. Griffith at the Foreman house Saturday, February 6.

John C. Brown, who is spending the winter in the south traveling for a Chicago firm, writes THE BLADE from New Orleans this week that he is having a fine trip and enjoying that delightful climate.

An adjourned meeting of the Modern Brotherhood lodge will be held at Odd Fellows hall tonight. A full attendance is desired as there are two candidates to be initiated and applications to be acted upon.

We told you so, last week. To look out that the Jones & Rankin "cream and peaches" farms were going fast; so if you want in on them, get action on yourselves. Two gone this week again. Prospects for two next week.